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                        BEFORE THE
                ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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   IN THE MATTER OF:
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   CAMILLE R. SCHURER
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   COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
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   Complaint as to service in Cook
7 County, Illinois.
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                               March 20, 2008
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      Met pursuant to notice at 1:00 p.m.
12 BEFORE:
       MS. LESLIE HAYNES, Administrative Law Judge.
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14 APPEARANCES:
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         Company.
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22 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
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- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: Pursuant to the direction
- 2 of the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
- 3 Docket 07-0557. This is the complaint by Camille
- 4 Schurer versus Commonwealth Edison Company.
- 5 May I have the appearances for the
- 6 record, please, starting with the hearing room here
- 7 in Chicago.
- 8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On behalf of Commonwealth
- 9 Edison Company, Mark L. Goldstein, 108 Wilmot Road,
- 10 Suite 330, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. My telephone
- 11 number is 847-580-5480.
- 12 Also on the line from ComEd is John
- 13 Parise.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. On the phone -- did you
- 15 want to put an appearance in?
- MR. WALSH: Yeah, I'll go on the record.
- 17 My name is Kevin Walsh. I'm here on
- 18 behalf of Camille Schurer as the representative of
- 19 Wildwood Community Association. She's asked me to
- 20 show up on behalf of her.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- And on the telephone?

- 1 MS. SCHURER: I'm Camille Schurer. My address
- 2 is 7042 North Hiawatha Avenue, Chicago,
- 3 773-763-6070; however, today it would be
- 4 772-546-6925.
- 5 MR. SCHURER: And Robert Schurer.
- 6 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. The last time the parties
- 7 had agreed to get together for a meeting with the
- 8 Schurers, ComEd, the alderman, the community
- 9 association, and I was just wondering if somebody
- 10 could bring that to-date, if anything was resolved
- 11 there, or what's going on?
- MS. SCHURER: Well, I will tell you about the
- 13 meeting I have attended since our meeting and that
- 14 was with a neighbor and Mr. Parise and Mr. Gomez
- 15 from ComEd and one other gentleman, I do not recall
- 16 his name. At that time we discussed an on-site
- 17 meeting where -- Kevin, maybe you remember that
- 18 gentleman's name, the young fellow that came out to
- 19 the site.
- 20 MR. WALSH: I believe it was Mark, one of the
- 21 engineers from ComEd.
- MS. SCHURER: Okay. And at that time we

- 1 discussed what other solution or other possibilities
- 2 to the overhead power lines on Hiawatha Avenue. And
- 3 that was my only meeting that has been in
- 4 discussion. I understand there was -- and I know
- 5 there was a meeting at Wildwood. The community
- 6 organization and the alderman attended that on
- 7 March 11th. My husband was at that meeting. And
- 8 they were talking about burying lines at the
- 9 community's cost. They were going to let people
- 10 know the cost of doing that. To this point, there
- 11 is no resolve.
- 12 I did ask for discovery items of
- 13 Mr. Goldstein. And there were 21 questions. And my
- 14 answers from him are, 17 of those 21 answers were
- 15 objections. So I can't make any progress with
- 16 objections. The other questions that were answered
- 17 were included attachments, which were not included.
- 18 Also, there was a list of the power outages and that
- 19 was incorrect.
- Now, there was one question answered,
- 21 and that's the question I want to address. It was
- 22 Question No. 10 --

- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Wait a second.
- 2 Does somebody have a copy of this for
- 3 me?
- 4 MS. SCHURER: Well, if you don't have a copy --
- 5 JUDGE HAYNES: Hold on. I think they're looking
- 6 for one. Hold on.
- 7 Does somebody have one?
- 8 MR. WALSH: Do you want to view it?
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- 10 Do you have more copies,
- 11 Mr. Goldstein?
- 12 MR. WALSH: (Indicating.)
- JUDGE HAYNES: Do you have another copy now for
- 14 Mr. Walsh?
- MR. WALSH: That's okay.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Go ahead. Question 10.
- 17 MS. SCHURER: Question 10 was, I asked, the
- 18 dates, the reasons for a portion of Niles,
- 19 Bunker Hill, being added to the North Edgebrook
- 20 circuit.
- 21 The answer was, Portion of Bunker
- 22 Hill, Niles, was added in 2002. ComEd's capacity

- 1 planning department routinely shifts load and switch
- 2 the system to balance system loading. And I want to
- 3 call serious attention to the fact that from that
- 4 time our problems intensified.
- I just want them to please go back and
- 6 take a look at that change. I can't technically
- 7 make comments, but I know we intensified. I've been
- 8 living through those power outages.
- And, then, one more comment. An
- 10 article that appeared in our local paper on the 15th
- 11 of March, and it was the meeting attended by the
- 12 alderman and the community association, Mr. and
- 13 Mrs. Orr, where ComEd has told the association that
- 14 the 41st Ward, that's us, has the least reliable
- 15 power supply in the city, and that is on the city's
- 16 radar.
- 17 That's all I really have to say.
- 18 There has been no resolve in this, as much as people
- 19 are meeting, and I do believe, cooperating. I just
- 20 want to address those two things that might help us
- 21 to get improvement.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Was there a meeting with

- 1 the alderman?
- 2 MS. SCHURER: On March 11th. And Kevin Walsh --
- 3 I don't know if you were there, but I know my
- 4 husband, Bob Schurer, was.
- 5 MR. SCHURER: The meeting that we talked about
- 6 at the first hearing, that meeting never took place.
- 7 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. And I don't remember
- 8 exactly, but when does ComEd intend to start doing
- 9 this construction?
- MR. PARISE: We've actually stopped the
- 11 construction at this point in time, based on the
- 12 alderman's instructions.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Oh, so it was started --
- 14 MR. PARISE: It's been put on hold. It has not
- 15 been done.
- That's correct.
- 17 MR. WALSH: I have spoken to the alderman
- 18 numerous times on this matter. And he is,
- 19 obviously, against it because the community is
- 20 against the above-ground poles, the four utility
- 21 poles.
- The North Edgebrook Community

- 1 Association had a meeting with the alderman -- a
- 2 public meeting, the alderman, ComEd and 40, 45
- 3 people were there on March 11th.
- And, John, were you at that meeting?
- 5 MR. PARISE: No, I was not, Kevin.
- 6 MR. SCHURER: I was there, Kevin.
- 7 MS. SCHURER: Bob was there.
- 8 MR. WALSH: Okay. I guess ComEd has agreed to
- 9 provide us with some cost, where in the past they
- 10 weren't going to give it to us. They've agreed to
- 11 provide us with some cost to bury the lines and how
- 12 many people can or would contribute -- could legally
- 13 contribute, I believe, because we don't know if the
- 14 whole grid has to be charged, or just the specific
- 15 people that are affected by the outages.
- I believe ComEd was going to get back
- 17 to us and provide that. And then we were going to
- 18 go back to the community and see if, in fact, it was
- 19 feasible to do that, to bury those lines.
- 20 (Whereupon, people were
- 21 talking on the phone.)
- JUDGE HAYNES: You know, on the telephone here,

- 1 we don't know -- can't tell the difference between
- 2 Mr. Parise and Mr. Schurer. So if you could
- 3 identify yourself before you start.
- 4 MR. SCHURER: I'm sorry. This is Robert
- 5 Schurer.
- 6 At the meeting it was decided that
- 7 they were to provide us with two cost studies, one
- 8 was to bury the cable down Hiawatha and one to bury
- 9 the cable down Tahoma.
- 10 MR. WALSH: Right. And I guess -- so we could
- 11 determine how much per household it would cost.
- 12 MR. WALSH: Right.
- So I guess, at least my understanding
- 14 from the North Edgebrook Association, our
- 15 association and the couple hundred people I've
- 16 talked to, we'd rather wait for those figures to
- 17 come in before we would want ComEd to even consider
- 18 putting up the poles. And I know ComEd has put the
- 19 work on hold per the alderman. I think we're
- 20 waiting on those figures in order to kind of make
- 21 our decision, because we don't know if it's going to
- 22 be feasible and how many people can absorb the cost.

- 1 If there's 500 people and the figure is 60,000, then
- 2 that may be feasible that ComEd let's us pay it over
- 3 a year's time on our bill. But we don't know that
- 4 yet, so. . .
- 5 Today's meeting is kind of premature,
- 6 sort to say, until we get those figures and everyone
- 7 can get back together. Because it is clearly
- 8 evident and the alderman has stated that he will
- 9 not, not allow, as much power as he has, he will
- 10 not allow those poles to be there, but I understand
- 11 the ICC can mandate those poles to go on there.
- 12 They can override the alderman, is that correct?
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: I'd have to think about it. How
- 14 about that?
- 15 MR. WALSH: What we're looking to do, and I
- 16 think the Schurers would agree with me, is that --
- 17 and John, hopefully, you're on-board, we don't want
- 18 any construction to start with any type of poles
- 19 until we can evaluate both of the different
- 20 scenarios, on burying the cable underground. And,
- 21 also, there's -- obviously, there's problems in the
- 22 past. We've been lucky. I know ComEd has done some

- 1 infrastructure. We've been lucky, there's been no
- 2 outages in, you know, call it two and a half, three
- 3 months.
- 4 MR. SCHURER: December 23rd was the last outage.
- 5 MR. WALSH: December 23rd. So we're going on
- 6 three months.
- 7 It's possible that some of the
- 8 infrastructure ComEd has done, in conjunction with
- 9 the tree trimming, may have cured some of the
- 10 problems, or temporarily, but we would ask that
- 11 ComEd halt their plan to add utility poles on
- 12 Hiawatha until we can, in fact, evaluate the two
- 13 scenarios, once they're provided to us from ComEd.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So when does ComEd intend
- 15 to provide some information on the cost of this?
- 16 MR. PARISE: Leslie, this is John Parise
- 17 speaking.
- 18 After that meeting on the 15th or the
- 19 11th, we had a powwow, and I guess there was some
- 20 miscommunications because we've given the costs out
- 21 at high level, how much it's going to cost to go
- 22 underground.

- 1 If the people of that area want a hard
- 2 number, something that we have to live by, we're
- 3 going to need a deposit from them to do that.
- 4 MR. SCHURER: This is Robert Schurer.
- 5 At the meeting they said that they
- 6 would do those cost studies for us.
- 7 MR. PARISE: I talked to the engineering
- 8 department, they have to outsource this. They don't
- 9 have the manpower to do that. And they said there's
- 10 going to be a charge for that. That's what they
- 11 told me.
- MR. SCHURER: Well, that's new information. And
- 13 that was not determined at the meeting that way.
- 14 MR. PARISE: I wasn't at the meeting, Bob, you
- 15 know, so. . .
- 16 MR. SCHURER: I'm sorry.
- 17 MR. PARISE: I wasn't at the meeting.
- 18 MR. SCHURER: No, I know you weren't, but I was
- 19 there. And they did not -- I mean, they said that
- 20 they would do the -- they were to determine the two
- 21 costs and get back to us, and also determine the
- 22 number of households affected, so then we could

- 1 divide out the cost by the households.
- 2 MR. PARISE: You know, that's really not the
- 3 business ComEd is in. And I can assure you guys
- 4 that in all cases if we do a hard number estimate
- 5 and give you exactly something we'll live by, we'd
- 6 charge the customer up front.
- 7 The monies that we charge you, if you
- 8 go forward -- or move forward and do the work, are
- 9 applied toward the job.
- Now, if you don't do the work and you
- 11 don't want to go underground because it's cost
- 12 prohibitive, that's okay, but you're going to have
- 13 to pay the cost to engineer that job.
- MS. SCHURER: Well, why didn't they say --
- 15 MR. PARISE: I don't know.
- 16 MS. SCHURER: This is so just not productive.
- 17 It's just -- it doesn't allow us to go anywhere.
- 18 When they have a meeting, they ask the community to
- 19 come forward. They bring the alderman in. They
- 20 bring in your people. How much of a waste is that?
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MS. SCHURER: And then people that represented

- 1 your company tell the community they're going to
- 2 provide this information per household, and the
- 3 cost, and now you --
- 4 MR. PARISE: This is the first I've heard that.
- 5 MS. SCHURER: -- and where are we? How can you
- 6 go anywhere when the cart is before the horse and no
- 7 one knows what's happening?
- 8 MR. PARISE: Well, I could speak for ComEd
- 9 today.
- 10 MR. WALSH: Well, John, we had a representative
- 11 form ComEd. So within a week --
- MR. PARISE: Who made that statement?
- 13 Can you tell me, Kevin?
- MR. WALSH: Ruben Gomez.
- 15 MR. SCHURER: Yes. I will verify that.
- MR. WALSH: That's what I mean.
- 17 You know, we're trying to work with
- 18 you guys. You know, we don't have 1200 people
- 19 calling the alderman's office. We're trying to work
- 20 with you guys. We've listened to you. We've
- 21 listened to your district guy. Ruben Gomez told us
- 22 what he was going to do. The people were happy with

- 1 that scenario. Now, it's a week later. I've got to
- 2 go back and tell them, Hey, wait a minute, that
- 3 isn't the solution. ComEd lied to us --
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Wait. Wait. Wait.
- 5 Mr. Parise, what you're talking about
- 6 for the down payment, is that for them to have an
- 7 actual number, per household, what they will be
- 8 charged?
- 9 MR. PARISE: No. No. That would be the cost to
- 10 do the underground service in lieu of the overhead.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: Right.
- 12 But, I mean --
- MR. PARISE: You see, they have to engineer
- 14 that.
- 15 JUDGE HAYNES: Right.
- 16 But what you're talking about, they
- 17 have to give a down payment for that engineering
- 18 study so that each house finds out what they would
- 19 owe?
- 20 MR. PARISE: No. No. That's just to see what
- 21 the job costs. Strictly, what does the job cost.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Right.

- 1 MR. PARISE: From that, if they know they have
- 2 1100 households in there, they can just divide by
- 3 each household.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Now, didn't you say something
- 5 about some high level number that --
- 6 MR. PARISE: Yeah. We gave them a high level
- 7 number. I think it was between 75 and 100.
- 8 JUDGE HAYNES: 75 and 100 --
- 9 MR. WALSH: Thousand.
- 10 MR. PARISE: Thousand.
- 11 MR. WALSH: But that's only one scenario.
- 12 There's another scenario, we don't have a number.
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: And that's for all --
- 14 MR. PARISE: Which is the other one, Kevin?
- 15 MR. WALSH: The one that dead-ends at Tahoma.
- 16 Your engineer rolled it out. He brought his
- 17 measuring out there. And it was half the
- 18 distance -- the underground portion was half of what
- 19 it would be on Hiawatha. So do I assume that that's
- 20 half the price? Do I get to assume that? Because
- 21 if it is half the price, then obviously we would
- 22 take the Tahoma alternative.

- 1 But Ruben Gomez said that we would --
- 2 you know, one, I understand you're giving a high
- 3 level price, but going from 75,000 to 100,000,
- 4 that's a 25 percent increase. I mean, there has to
- 5 be a little better formula that ComEd uses -- I
- 6 mean, because if you're going to tell me that and it
- 7 goes to 125 --
- 8 MR. PARISE: You know what, Kevin, it could.
- 9 MR. WALSH: But how are we supposed to come to
- 10 an agreement between the community associations and
- 11 the alderman and ComEd -- if you're telling me it's
- 12 75,000 and I go to all the households and say, Hey,
- 13 it's 75,000, and then you send me a bill for 150,
- 14 I'm going to be running down the freeway with 400
- 15 people chasing me.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So what Mr. Parise said
- 17 was, in order to get a better number you'd have to
- 18 pay the down payment for the engineering to get the
- 19 actual number.
- 20 (Whereupon, parties were
- 21 talking over each other
- on the phone.)

- 1 MS. SCHURER: Why, then, Mr. Parise, didn't you
- 2 go to the meeting on March 11th?
- 3 MR. PARISE: I wish I were there. Next time
- 4 I'll make sure I'll go.
- 5 MS. SCHURER: Why was Mr. Gomez allowed to say
- 6 to the residents there that they were to take care
- 7 of the cost per household.
- I'm going to put my husband on,
- 9 because he was actually at the meeting.
- 10 MR. PARISE: Sure. Sure.
- 11 MR. SCHURER: Judge, and John, I think what you
- 12 need at the meeting is someone besides Ruben Gomez.
- 13 First of all, he tried to intimidate the 40 people
- 14 that were there into the poles on Hiawatha. He
- 15 said, We've got the money allocated. If you don't
- 16 do it, the money is going to be taken away. He was
- 17 trying to intimidate people to do that.
- 18 When he presented the other options,
- 19 either he was a very disorganized person, he doesn't
- 20 communicate well with the crowd, and I think, John,
- 21 you need a better representative at the meetings,
- 22 then, that can say to us, Look, if we've got to do

- 1 the engineering study, then, you as the association
- 2 have to put up this money. That was not
- 3 communicated.
- 4 There were roughly 40 people at that
- 5 meeting. And there was not one person there that
- 6 said, Go ahead with the Hiawatha poles. Every
- 7 person there said, We do not want the poles on
- 8 Hiawatha.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So I have another question
- 10 for Mr. Parise.
- I assume that no down payment is
- 12 required to tell another high level estimate for the
- 13 shorter route and also the number of houses affected
- 14 for each way.
- 15 MR. PARISE: Yes, that's part of my notes, as a
- 16 matter of fact, your Honor.
- 17 JUDGE HAYNES: So you do have that information?
- 18 MR. PARISE: No. I'm going to try to find that
- 19 out.
- 20 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 21 MR. PARISE: I have to get back to the folks on
- 22 that.

- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 2 MR. PARISE: But I think the same way, Kevin, if
- 3 it's half the distance, I would think it would be
- 4 half the money.
- 5 MR. WALSH: I understand that. But I was just
- 6 going to bring that point up. You're telling me 75
- 7 to 100, but it could go to 150. So these high level
- 8 quotes -- I don't understand how that could even be
- 9 a quote.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: You know what also would be
- 11 helpful, Mr. Parise, if you could tell how much this
- 12 down payment would be -- how much they would have to
- 13 pay to get this engineering study to decide if they
- 14 want to go ahead with it.
- 15 MR. PARISE: I thought they said a thousand
- 16 dollars.
- 17 JUDGE HAYNES: A thousand dollars divided over
- 18 how many people?
- 19 MR. PARISE: Well, I'll find out.
- 20 MR. WALSH: I also have a question. John, I'm
- 21 sure there has to be some formula ComEd uses to
- 22 calculate underground. They can't -- there would

- 1 have to be a way to narrow, at least, within 20
- 2 percent. I can't see you giving a quote for 75 and
- 3 then getting a bill for 150.
- 4 MR. PARISE: I'm not saying that. I don't know.
- 5 You know, high level quotes are just that kind of --
- 6 utilities sit down and engineer the job. They don't
- 7 know what it's going to be. They can give you a
- 8 ballpark. And that's why it's a ballpark, you
- 9 know.
- 10 If you're really serious about getting
- 11 the job done, whatever, you folks all agree -- but
- 12 keep in mind, too, that if you get an estimate for
- 13 underground Hiawatha, that's one price. And if you
- 14 want another price for the installation on Tacoma
- 15 (sic), there'll be a separate price and a separate
- 16 down payment.
- 17 MR. WALSH: Okay. And my question also, John,
- 18 would be -- that's fine. I understand there's two
- 19 different engineering reports.
- 20 My question is, Ruben said the money
- 21 has been set aside for the improvements. If we go
- 22 ahead and agree to get the study done to do the

- 1 underground, and we get a price let's say at 75, how
- 2 much money actually has been set aside that Ruben is
- 3 dangling in front of us? Has ComEd got 25,000 set
- 4 aside for this improvement? 50,000? And whatever
- 5 that dollar amount is, do we get that credited
- 6 towards the difference, because you would have spent
- 7 that money putting up the poles anyway. And,
- 8 obviously, you have a capital improvement dollar
- 9 amount. We'd like to know what your dollar amount
- 10 is to run the four overhead poles.
- 11 MR. PARISE: That would have been part of the
- 12 past. Let me talk on that for a second, if I might.
- Number one, Ruben was really telling
- 14 the truth. We schedule jobs in construction and we
- 15 allocate money for those jobs, okay? If we pull
- 16 that out of the works, and we're not going to do
- 17 that job, that money goes towards some other job and
- 18 we'd have to somehow -- if we decide we're going to
- 19 go with that, find the funds for that, to do the
- 20 job.
- 21 So if you guys were to want to do this
- 22 rather quickly and get the estimates for

- 1 underground, I can most assuredly say that whatever
- 2 the difference is in the overhead versus the
- 3 underground, will be the difference that you folks
- 4 had to pay, okay?
- 5 Once we lose that job in the schedule,
- 6 and we give the money to some other job, if you
- 7 folks still want to go underground, I'm not sure
- 8 we'll be able to take that off. I'll find it out.
- 9 That's another question I have.
- 10 MR. WALSH: Well, John --
- 11 MR. PARISE: Just to be up front, if we don't
- 12 move forward with this job --
- 13 MR. WALSH: -- it really seems like it's turning
- 14 into a one-way street here. We're willing to work
- 15 with you. Now all of a sudden, it seems like you
- 16 can't give us a price. We've got to pay for the
- 17 price (sic), I understand. But, now --
- 18 MR. SCHURER: They're doing what they want to
- 19 do.
- 20 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Okay. One person at a
- 21 time. The court reporter here --
- 22 MR. SCHURER: I'm sorry.

- 1 MR. WALSH: Yeah, John, let me finish.
- 2 It just seems like now, you know,
- 3 we're working with you. You know, you sent Ruben
- 4 Gomez there. We didn't send him there. If he's
- 5 spilling out bad information, that's not our fault,
- 6 that's ComEd's fault.
- 7 But now to say, if we don't hurry up
- 8 and do this, we're going to lose the money, I think
- 9 it's really turning into a one-way street. We've
- 10 tried to keep the alderman out of it. We've tried
- 11 to keep 1200 residents out of it for now so we can
- 12 resolve this. But how do I keep going back to
- 13 people and saying, Well, ComEd lied, or, Ruben
- 14 shouldn't have said that. Ruben shouldn't have said
- 15 this. I think at some point ComEd has got to kind
- 16 of bend and work with us a little bit. We've been
- 17 patient for four years -- or seven years with these
- 18 outages.
- 19 You can't rush us into making a
- 20 decision about spending 75 to \$100,000, holding the
- 21 work order over our heads, saying if we don't make a
- 22 decision right away -- I don't think that's right.

- 1 And I think the Judge would agree with me.
- 2 MS. SCHURER: And, also -- it's Camille Schurer.
- 3 What is the secret about the allocated
- 4 money? That would certainly help people to make a
- 5 better decision.
- 6 And, Judge, there's too much vagueness
- 7 here. And we, of course, are the people that have
- 8 been suffering. It isn't seven years. It's, like,
- 9 15 and 20 years. And I don't want to go into that.
- 10 We're only going to talk about 2007.
- 11 But I want to go back to when you
- 12 added Bunker Hill to the circuit in 2002, you
- 13 intensified our problems. Go back there for your
- 14 study and find out what happened, and remove them
- 15 and take them off and change things. Maybe it
- 16 doesn't even involve underground.
- 17 And also, it has been said, after we
- 18 do all of this, we may not have a solution to the
- 19 outages. So we're the residents that are suffering
- 20 here. And no one is ever going to agree to those
- 21 overhead poles because, first of all, you are then
- 22 going to surround us on three sides with poles.

- 1 No one has talked about the
- 2 electromagnetic fields. Everyone wants to say, Oh,
- 3 that's nothing. Well, it's something, and it's a
- 4 health hazard. And in addition to the
- 5 electromagnetic fields, you then mess with the
- 6 evaluation of our homes. And that's real.
- 7 And I want to go back to the 20 vague
- 8 answers from Mr. Goldstein.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. You know, Ms. Schurer, if
- 10 you want -- you are free to file a motion to compel,
- 11 if you feel that the Company's answers to your data
- 12 requests have not been thorough --
- 13 MR. WALSH: Can I make a suggestion?
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: -- okay, Ms. Schurer? And then
- 15 the Company will tell us why they have given the
- 16 responses they have given.
- 17 However, you have listed this
- 18 No. 10 -- mentioned this No. 10 several times today.
- 19 What is it that -- are you saying that the response
- 20 to No. 10 isn't complete?
- 21 MS. SCHURER: No. I'm saying that the response
- 22 is an indicator of why they should go back and think

- 1 about their action there in adding a portion of
- 2 Niles' Bunker Hill to our load. Our problems, as of
- 3 that time in 2002, intensified with our outages.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So if any of the Company's
- 5 responses to your data requests are not to your
- 6 satisfaction, you're free to file the motion to
- 7 compel, okay?
- 8 MS. SCHURER: Okay. Motion to compel, is that
- 9 what you're calling it?
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- 11 MS. SCHURER: Okay. And who do I do that with?
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: You file it with the Chief
- 13 Clerk's Office, and just enumerate what you take
- 14 issue with with Mr. Goldstein's responses.
- 15 And I have a question for Mr. Parise.
- 16 That 75 to \$100,000 number you gave,
- 17 is that the total estimated price for this job, or
- 18 is that just the additional that these customers
- 19 would owe on top of the money the Company has
- 20 already allocated?
- 21 MR. PARISE: That would be the additional
- 22 dollars.

- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: The additional dollars.
- 2 MR. PARISE: Right. The difference of
- 3 underground versus overhead for that job.
- 4 MR. WALSH: And how much is your original budget
- 5 right now, not the additional part? Do you
- 6 estimate --
- 7 MR. PARISE: I have no idea, Kevin.
- 8 MR. WALSH: Okay. Here's what I -- I mean,
- 9 obviously nothing is going to get resolved today,
- 10 John.
- 11 MR. PARISE: What I think we need to do today,
- 12 then, is talk about scheduling the evidentiary
- 13 hearing.
- MR. WALSH: Well, what I was going to ask,
- 15 before we go there is, if you could get us a price
- 16 on how much it would cost us just to get the
- 17 estimate.
- 18 MR. PARISE: I can get that for sure. I can get
- 19 that very quickly.
- 20 MR. WALSH: And then I would ask one more thing.
- 21 If you could hold the funds that you
- 22 have set aside, if you could talk to whoever, and

- 1 maybe set them aside so we don't lose them, for
- 2 maybe six months. If we can get a price, then, at
- 3 least, we can make a decision. We can't even make a
- 4 decision without a price. We don't even know how
- 5 much it's going to cost us to get the price.
- 6 MR. PARISE: I'll tell you what. I'll get you a
- 7 price to engineer the job, a hard price, this week.
- 8 MS. SCHURER: And how about -- it's Camille.
- 9 How about the additional cost to
- 10 residents and how they're going to break that down
- 11 monthly for the community. That's important.
- 12 MR. PARISE: I think, Camille -- John Parise.
- I think you folks are going to have to
- 14 do that. I don't think we want to even get involved
- 15 in that.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So, Mr. Parise, you're
- 17 going to get them the cost to engineer it, what
- 18 that's going to cost them. You're going to get them
- 19 a high level cost estimate on the shorter route, and
- 20 the number of customers affected --
- 21 MR. WALSH: Well, John, the only reason why I
- 22 ask that is because Ruben Gomez said he would have

- 1 to provide us with how many people can pay for it.
- 2 MR. PARISE: You know what I can get you guys, I
- 3 can tell you how many customers are on that feeder,
- 4 I believe. And then we can just do it -- you know,
- 5 if it's \$100,000, and you got 100 people, it's a
- 6 thousand a person.
- 7 MS. SCHURER: We need that information, John.
- 8 MR. PARISE: I'll see if I can get that. If you
- 9 folks can hold on for one second, I'll try and call
- 10 and see if I can get those numbers for you right
- 11 now.
- MR. SCHURER: Well, why don't you put it all
- 13 together, John. I think it would be better.
- 14 MR. PARISE: The only numbers I'm going to get
- 15 for you, up front, are the costs to engineer the
- 16 job.
- 17 MR. SCHURER: But I'd say, if we can get it all
- 18 together at one time, it would be better.
- 19 MR. PARISE: What I'm saying is, the only thing
- 20 I can get up front is the cost to engineer the job.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Well, you also need a high level
- 22 estimate on the shorter route.

- 1 MR. PARISE: Right. Right.
- 2 JUDGE HAYNES: And if you can come up with the
- 3 number of customers affected on that feeder line.
- 4 Okay.
- 5 MR. WALSH: This is Kevin Walsh.
- 6 Maybe you know the answer. What is a
- 7 "high level quote"? Is that the highest it can be
- 8 or --
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: It means it might be wrong.
- 10 MR. PARISE: It's just a high level, Kevin.
- 11 It's just a ballpark. Here's what it's probably
- 12 going to cost you.
- MR. WALSH: Okay.
- 14 MR. PARISE: That's why -- I even hate sometimes
- 15 to see people give high level quotes out, because
- 16 what if a job comes in at 150, like you said, and
- 17 you told everybody a 100.
- 18 MS. SCHURER: This is Camille.
- They've made us suffer for years. How
- 20 about everything that they've ruined on us in our
- 21 brown (sic) outs and our spoiled groceries and our
- 22 computers and our appliances that had shorted.

- 1 JUDGE HAYNES: And if the community decides to
- 2 go ahead with the engineering study and pay for the
- 3 engineering study, there's no obligation to go ahead
- 4 with anything. They're just going to find out how
- 5 much this costs at that point, right?
- 6 MR. PARISE: That's correct. And if they decide
- 7 to go with the engineering on the underground --
- 8 JUDGE HAYNES: Right.
- 9 MR. PARISE: -- the money they spent will be
- 10 taken off the job.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 12 And how long do these engineering
- 13 studies take?
- 14 MR. PARISE: I don't know the man-hours. I
- 15 can't talk to that. It won't be months. It'll be
- 16 weeks.
- 17 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 18 MR. WALSH: Can we hold the allocated funds at
- 19 least until we get the price to do the underground,
- 20 is that fair? Because if it's only weeks, can we at
- 21 least get a guarantee that you'll hold those funds
- 22 until we get an actual number to do the underground

- 1 work?
- 2 MR. PARISE: I'd like to say "yes," but I can't
- 3 speak --
- 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: John?
- 5 MR. PARISE: Yes, Mark.
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I assume that every department
- 7 at ComEd budgets as of the beginning of your fiscal
- 8 year. When does your fiscal year start?
- 9 MR. PARISE: I think it's January 1st.
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: So --
- 11 MR. PARISE: But, you see the way it works,
- 12 though, Mark, and I mentioned it before, is that we
- 13 budget for these jobs. If we pull this job out of
- 14 the works, in other words, we're not going to do it,
- 15 they will take that money and spend it on the next
- 16 priority. What they do is they prioritize based on
- 17 the reliability of the feeders, and they get the
- 18 worst performing feeders first and they kind of move
- 19 on down.
- 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.
- 21 MR. WALSH: Can we make an exception? Because,
- 22 as you've said, you've put the job on hold because

- 1 of the alderman.
- MR. PARISE: I'm guessing the answer is "yes,"
- 3 Kevin, but I don't want to answer to that. I'll do
- 4 the best I can. And I'll get you an answer as
- 5 quickly as I can for that.
- 6 MR. WALSH: Okay.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 8 MR. PARISE: I can't give you an "yes" or "no"
- 9 because I'm not empowered to do that.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. What I think we should do
- 11 is set it for a status, not too far out, because in
- 12 addition to the Company thinking about if they can
- 13 hold these funds, I'm going to think about if the
- 14 Commission can order the Company to hold these
- 15 funds. I don't know. I have no idea. But with
- 16 this complaint pending and -- although there is only
- 17 one complaint filed --
- 18 MR. WALSH: As of now.
- 19 JUDGE HAYNES: -- so, can we, at least,
- 20 Mr. Parise, not have something happen to these funds
- 21 in the next couple of weeks?
- MR. PARISE: Again, your Honor, I can't answer

- 1 that. I'd like to say "yes," but I'll have to talk
- 2 to my people over here.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 4 MR. PARISE: I'm guessing the answer is "yes,"
- 5 but I don't want to give you an answer that might be
- 6 incorrect.
- 7 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So in the next couple of
- 8 weeks let's get together again and you'll have all
- 9 the information for people, the parties, let them
- 10 know it and let's pick a date.
- 11 MR. WALSH: Real quick.
- John, if you get the cost to execute
- 13 the engineering report so that we can get a cost
- 14 before that hearing, can you just forward it to me
- 15 because if it's a thousand bucks, I'm sure we'll
- 16 just pay it so we can get the ball rolling to get
- 17 the price instead of waiting weeks.
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes. As soon as you have the
- 19 information --
- 20 MR. PARISE: Yeah, I've got your e-mail address,
- 21 Kevin, so I can get that information out to you, I
- 22 would say very quickly.

- 1 MR. WALSH: I'd appreciate it.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 3 MR. PARISE: Can we just take one step back just
- 4 to make sure that I've got everything here that you
- 5 folks expect from me.
- No. 1, I'm going to get the number of
- 7 customers impacted on the feeder, okay?
- No. 2, I'm going to find out what it
- 9 would cost for the engineering on both Hiawatha and
- 10 Tacoma --
- 11 MR. SCHURER: Tahoma.
- 12 MR. PARISE: -- Tahoma.
- No. 3, I'm going to see if we can save
- 14 the money.
- MR. WALSH: How much money was there?
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: They're not saying.
- 17 I think that all that is relevant for
- 18 the customers is what your cost would be above and
- 19 beyond that.
- 20 MR. WALSH: Right.
- 21 MR. PARISE: Correct.
- JUDGE HAYNES: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

- 1 MR. PARISE: I think that's all. Am I missing
- 2 something?
- JUDGE HAYNES: Yeah. And, you know, I am
- 4 strongly encouraging you to set that money aside
- 5 until we've had some more resolution of this and
- 6 these people are given an opportunity to have enough
- 7 information to make decisions.
- 8 And the thing that I think you're
- 9 leaving off is the ballpark estimate on the shorter
- 10 route.
- 11 MR. PARISE: No, I had that. I'm going to make
- 12 a ballpark estimate on both routes. We've got the
- 13 one on Hiawatha. We'll get Tahoma.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Right.
- 15 And then the cost of the engineering
- 16 study on both of them.
- 17 MR. PARISE: Right.
- To be honest, though, I'm not sure
- 19 that ballpark really helps us out. As Kevin
- 20 mentioned before, it's so wide.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MR. PARISE: And if we do the actual engineering

- 1 study and it comes in at 150,000, it sets a false
- 2 expectation level.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 4 MR. WALSH: I'd prefer not to have them.
- 5 MR. PARISE: I know.
- 6 MR. WALSH: Because if that number is floating
- 7 around --
- 8 MR. PARISE: Yes, exactly, Kevin.
- 9 MR. WALSH: -- people are going to close their
- 10 minds if it comes in higher.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Then, however you want to
- 12 deal with that.
- 13 MR. PARISE: Are we all in agreement?
- 14 MS. SCHURER: Well, I -- this is Camille.
- I still have a few additional things I
- 16 want to ask, and that is, as you have said
- 17 repeatedly, John, I was in the room, and it has been
- 18 said recently at the March 11th meeting, there is
- 19 still -- even if you do this underground, there's
- 20 still no guarantees that this will solve our
- 21 problem. And I still want to urge you to go back to
- 22 your 2002 decision to add Bunker Hill, part of

- 1 Niles' Bunker Hill, to our load. It intensified
- 2 with power outages at that time.
- 3 So that, in addition to everything
- 4 else we want to do, may be something that needs to
- 5 be looked at again.
- 6 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Maybe, Mr. Parise, there
- 7 is some explanation at the Company of why that
- 8 wouldn't improve service, or something.
- 9 MR. PARISE: Your Honor, actually, the answer
- 10 they gave is really the only answer we can give.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: I see that you say you shifted
- 12 load.
- 13 MR. PARISE: Right. When they shift load -- in
- 14 other words, like in your house, you have breakers
- 15 in your house. And if you have too many lines on
- 16 one breaker, it could blow the breaker. So you're
- 17 going to move some of those circuits, or some of
- 18 your appliances from one to another to avoid that
- 19 from happening. That's virtually what we've done
- 20 here, is to rebalance the load so that it's more
- 21 even.
- I'm not an engineer. They're telling

- 1 me that that's not an issue on there.
- MS. SCHURER: Well, you can overload everything
- 3 there.
- 4 MR. PARISE: I think what the real issue is
- 5 here, we have a radial feed, which means we have one
- 6 line coming into your area. You're toward the end
- 7 of the line, and that's it. With the inclusion of
- 8 this new line, whether it's overhead or underground,
- 9 it's going to form a loop, which will help to --
- 10 help all the customers out there.
- 11 You know, if the circuit goes down at
- 12 one spot, they can bring the load up by doing some
- 13 shifting rather quickly. That's the difference when
- 14 you have a radial feed versus a loop feed.
- 15 MS. SCHURER: So we will be getting a loop feed.
- 16 MR. PARISE: That's correct.
- MS. SCHURER: And we now have a radial.
- 18 MR. PARISE: That's correct.
- 19 MS. SCHURER: Okay.
- 20 MR. PARISE: In other words, radial feed means
- 21 coming in from one side.
- MS. SCHURER: Okay.

- 1 MR. PARISE: A loop feed means you're going to
- 2 tie it in from the other side so that if -- let's
- 3 say a tree comes down on a wire to the north of you,
- 4 they can do some shifting and bring the power into
- 5 you from the south.
- 6 MS. SCHURER: Okay. I understand that.
- 7 MR. PARISE: Okay.
- 8 MS. SCHURER: And then the last thing I want to
- 9 say is that, do you want it out there that it's
- 10 known information that the 41st Ward has the least
- 11 reliable power supply in the city? Do you want that
- 12 out there?
- 13 MR. PARISE: Well, of course I don't want that
- 14 out there. But if it's the truth, it's the truth.
- 15 And the truth stands on its own.
- 16 MS. SCHURER: Well, you know what, I think ComEd
- 17 would want to make a change to improve.
- 18 MR. PARISE: Well, we are -- Camille, we are
- 19 doing that by trying to install the loop feed.
- 20 MS. SCHURER: Okay. Let's try to succeed then.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So we need to pick a date,
- 22 then.

- 1 MR. WALSH: John, how long do you need to get
- 2 some of that information? Two weeks? Three weeks?
- 3 MR. PARISE: First of all, let's clarify the
- 4 information. The information I'm promising to get
- 5 to you folks, I'm hoping to get that this week.
- 6 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 7 MR. PARISE: You know, it's the Easter holiday.
- 8 A lot of people are already gone. So I don't know.
- 9 My goal would be to get it -- I know Ruben has gone
- 10 on vacation this week. Down in Texas. Nice
- 11 weather. I'm hoping to get it this week. I can't
- 12 promise that. But I'll promise you one thing, I'll
- 13 get it as quickly as I can.
- 14 MR. WALSH: All right. Do you want to set the
- 15 date for the week of the 14th? That gives you,
- 16 like, two and a half weeks, because of the holiday.
- MR. PARISE: Well, let's make sure -- the
- 18 information you're talking about is just strictly
- 19 the information on the number of customers and the
- 20 amount of money to engineer -- the one or two jobs,
- 21 I didn't hear that?
- JUDGE HAYNES: The engineering for both -- the

- 1 cost for both jobs. And nobody, apparently, wants
- 2 the ballpark on the shorter route.
- 3 MR. PARISE: Right. Okay.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 5 MR. PARISE: Okay. Then what I'll get is the
- 6 number of customers impacted and the engineering
- 7 cost for both Hiawatha and Tahoma to go underground.
- 8 JUDGE HAYNES: Right.
- 9 MR. PARISE: And what it costs to engineer it
- 10 only. And, basically, that's really it, I think,
- 11 right?
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- MR. WALSH: Let's say, a thousand bucks. We're
- 14 going to pay the thousand bucks. Your engineers
- 15 will put together a hard cost that ComEd would live
- 16 by, correct?
- 17 MR. PARISE: It would be two separate costs,
- 18 Kevin, one for Hiawatha and the other one for
- 19 Tahoma.
- 20 MR. WALSH: Right. No, I understand.
- 21 MR. PARISE: Two separate entities.
- JUDGE HAYNES: And after this engineering study

- 1 is done, you would have a per household cost and who
- 2 that would be, right?
- 3 MR. PARISE: I'm hoping to get that.
- 4 The way I'm going to do it, your
- 5 Honor, is I'm just going to take -- like I told you,
- 6 if it's \$100,000, and we have 1,000 people, it's
- 7 1,000 a person.
- 8 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 9 MR. PARISE: Right? Is there another way to do
- 10 it?
- 11 MR. WALSH: No, it would be --
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: That's fine.
- MR. WALSH: I know how to do it.
- MS. SCHURER: And the option on how they would
- 15 pay that. If they could pay that in an installment
- 16 payment.
- 17 MR. PARISE: No, that's -- to be honest,
- 18 Camille --
- 19 MS. SCHURER: That was suggested at the
- 20 March 11th meeting.
- 21 MR. PARISE: If the power is to be -- our policy
- 22 at ComEd consistently is, that we get the monies for

- 1 these jobs up front, it's hard to collect afterward.
- 2 But I will check with upper management at ComEd to
- 3 see if they're willing to deviate from that policy.
- 4 MS. SCHURER: Well, that was Ruben Gomez'
- 5 information on March 11th, as well.
- 6 MR. SCHURER: That they would do it over a year.
- 7 MR. PARISE: I think what he was looking at, if
- 8 the alderman wants to invoke a rider, we can do it
- 9 that way.
- 10 MR. SCHURER: \$100,000 divided by 1,000 is \$100.
- 11 MR. PARISE: Right.
- 12 MR. SCHURER: Not \$1,000.
- MR. WALSH: Yeah, John, that would help, because
- 14 we have quite a few seniors on fixed income there.
- 15 I mean, if we can divert it over a year, not only
- 16 would it help, it would be a much easier sell to the
- 17 1,000 or 1,200 customers.
- 18 MS. SCHURER: This is Bob again.
- I don't think it's going to be 1,000.
- 20 The engineer at our meeting thought it was more in
- 21 the range of 250 households.
- MR. PARISE: I'm not sure, to be honest with

- 1 you. I was throwing numbers out there is all.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 3 MR. SCHURER: What was being thrown around was
- 4 75,000 divided by 250 households, was \$300 per
- 5 household. And then Commonwealth Edison would
- 6 charge that on the bill over 12 months.
- 8 into that, too, before we meet again.
- 9 MR. WALSH: Real quick.
- 10 I think there's some confusion there
- 11 because -- there has to be more than 250 residents
- 12 without that little triangle.
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes, but only --
- 14 MR. PARISE: Let's not speculate. Let me try to
- 15 find that.
- 16 MR. SCHURER: Remember now, only north of
- 17 (inaudible).
- 18 MR. WALSH: Yeah, there still has to be more
- 19 than 250 homes north of Conti (phonetic). There has
- 20 to be closer to 800. And that's why, originally,
- 21 Ruben wasn't sure if the other homes that aren't
- 22 affected could even contribute to the bill. That's

- 1 what he was going to get back to us on.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Well -- and also, the only people
- 3 that would have this in their yards might be the
- 4 ones that would be paying the extra.
- 5 MR. WALSH: Well, nothing would be in the yards.
- 6 JUDGE HAYNES: I mean, the front yard.
- 7 MR. WALSH: In the parkway.
- 8 JUDGE HAYNES: Oh, so this is in the park --
- 9 it's not on people's front yards, it's the parkway
- 10 in the middle of the street?
- 11 MS. SCHURER: The parkway is the front yard.
- MR. WALSH: You know, you have your house, the
- 13 sidewalk and the grass. It would be buried in the
- 14 grass.
- 15 JUDGE HAYNES: It would go through 250 people's
- 16 front yards, or a thousand --
- 17 MR. WALSH: No. It's only going to go in front
- 18 of three people's home. They've got to connect the
- 19 pole from here to here. It's 180 feet.
- 20 JUDGE HAYNES: So, we're talking about three
- 21 people's homes are affected by these aboveground
- 22 poles?

- 1 MS. SCHURER: It was a 400-foot span from
- 2 Hiawatha and McAlpin (inaudible) --
- 3 MR. WALSH: It crosses --
- 4 MS. SCHURER: -- 400 feet.
- 5 MR. SCHURER: It's in front of their house,
- 6 Judge. In front of their houses. Nowhere in our
- 7 community is there a pole in front of anyone's
- 8 house. All the poles are in the rear of our houses.
- 9 And the electricity comes into our houses from the
- 10 rear of our houses, nothing in the front of our
- 11 houses.
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 13 MR. SCHURER: This would be the first time -- it
- 14 would be a precedent and that's what we're trying to
- 15 stop.
- 16 MS. SCHURER: And it would also encompass homes
- 17 on three sides.
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. But just so I'm clear.
- 19 We're only talking about four people's front yards?
- 20 MS. SCHURER: You know, it sounds minimal when
- 21 you say it that way.
- MR. WALSH: Yeah, it's a much bigger --

- 1 MS. SCHURER: 400 feet.
- 2 MR. WALSH: -- aesthetic problem.
- JUDGE HAYNES: What you're telling me is that
- 4 the whole community is interested in stopping these
- 5 lines from going overhead.
- 6 MR. WALSH: Yes.
- 7 MR. SCHURER: The whole community.
- Judge, I was at that meeting and there
- 9 were 40 people. And of those 40 people, there was
- 10 not one person that said, Let's go forward with the
- 11 overhead lines. Everyone said, We do not want the
- 12 overhead lines. They must be buried if we're going
- 13 to have them at all.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 15 MR. PARISE: This is John Parise, your Honor.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- 17 MR. PARISE: And on the other hand, I've had
- 18 conversations with other people there, which is a
- 19 different group, and there's a spokesman for that.
- 20 And they're not willing to pay anything.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MS. SCHURER: All right, this is Camille.

- 1 They've got to come forward. That's
- 2 hearsay.
- 3 MR. PARISE: You know the guy, Kevin, we're
- 4 talking about?
- 5 MR. WALSH: If you're talking about Joe Orr, he
- 6 was supposed to call in here. After March 11th's
- 7 meeting, he's the one that put Ruben on the spot.
- 8 He's actually spearheading his 890 members to pay
- 9 for it.
- 10 MS. SCHURER: Who's this, Kevin?
- 11 MR. WALSH: Joe Orr.
- So, John, I think between the original
- 13 meeting on December 4th and March 11th, when he
- 14 actually was informed that the poles were going on
- 15 the parkway, you can talk to Ruben, he and the
- 16 alderman -- he's driving the alderman crazy about
- 17 this -- he is not in conjunction with putting those
- 18 poles on the parkway.
- 19 He was explained that they were going
- 20 to go on the easement behind the people's home.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- MR. WALSH: So you may want to followup with

- 1 him, because he's not on-board.
- 2 MR. PARISE: You know what it comes down to,
- 3 though, I hope everything works out for you guys,
- 4 really.
- 5 MS. SCHURER: You have the power to make it work
- 6 for us, John.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. You know what, how
- 8 about -- the week of April 14th isn't good for me.
- 9 What about April 10th, that's two weeks --
- 10 MS. SCHURER: What are we doing?
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: Three weeks.
- 12 MR. WALSH: Monday, April 10th.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thursday.
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: That's three weeks.
- 15 What about April 3rd? I think that's
- 16 spring break for a lot of people, isn't it?
- 17 MS. SCHURER: What are you doing on that date?
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Another status hearing.
- 19 MS. SCHURER: There, in your office?
- 20 JUDGE HAYNES: Correct. But we could have the
- 21 call-in number.
- MR. PARISE: We can do it the same way we're

- 1 doing it right now, if you folks would like.
- 2 MR. SCHURER: Yes.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Is April 10th acceptable?
- 4 MR. WALSH: It's fine with me.
- 5 JUDGE HAYNES: Mr. Goldstein?
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Fine with me.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Ms. Schurer?
- 8 MS. SCHURER: I can do that.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: You can call in on April 10th?
- 10 MS. SCHURER: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE HAYNES: And is this time of day good for
- 12 people?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Can we do it in the morning?
- 14 MS. SCHURER: I would prefer about this time.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: If she prefers it, I prefer it.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. So 1:00 o'clock on
- 17 April 10th?
- 18 MS. SCHURER: Yes.
- 19 MR. PARISE: Give me two seconds to make sure if
- 20 this number is okay then.
- 21 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 22 (Short pause.)

- 1 MR. PARISE: April the 10th at 1:00 p.m., is
- 2 that correct?
- JUDGE HAYNES: Yes.
- 4 MS. SCHURER: Yes.
- 5 MR. WALSH: John, you'll send out those e-mails?
- 6 MR. PARISE: I will send the e-mails to the
- 7 group. I'll send the e-mail out today. And then
- 8 I'll followup -- as soon as I get the information on
- 9 the engineering cost, I'll send an e-mail to this
- 10 very same group, to all of us, so we'll all get the
- 11 numbers at the same time.
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: And is it going to be the same
- 13 call-in number?
- 14 MR. PARISE: It will be the same call-in number.
- 15 I'll include that in the invite, the calendar
- 16 invite.
- 17 MS. SCHURER: Okay. Great.
- 18 MR. WALSH: Thanks. See you later.
- 19 JUDGE HAYNES: Thank you.
- 20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
- 21 matter was continued to
- 22 April 10th, 2008, 1:00 p.m.)